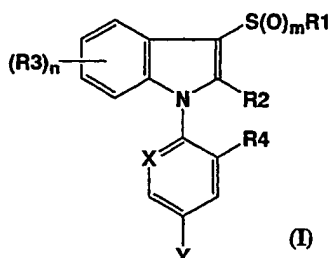


Amendment to the claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A flea control agent ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising a flea-killing effective amount of an N-substituted indole derivative represented by general formula (I):



wherein X is CH, N or C-halogen atom; Y is a hydrogen atom, a C1-C5 alkyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a C2-C5 alkenyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a C2-C5 alkynyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a C1-C5 alkoxy group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a halogen atom, a cyano group or a nitro group; R1 is a C1-C5 alkyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), or a C1-C5 alkoxy group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s); R2, R3 and R4 are independently a hydrogen atom, a C1-C5 alkyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a C2-C5 alkenyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a C2-C5 alkynyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a halogen atom, a cyano group, a carboxyl group, a C1-C5 alkoxycarbonyl

group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a C1-C5 acyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a nitro group, a cyanato group, a thiocyanato group, a C1-C5 alkoxy group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), or $S(O)_kR_5$ wherein k is 0, 1 or 2 and R_5 is a C1-C5 alkyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s); m is 0, 1 or 2; and n is 1, 2, 3 or 4.

2. (Original) A flea control agent according to claim 1, wherein in general formula (I), X is N or C-halogen atom; Y is a hydrogen atom, a C1-C5 alkyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a C1-C5 alkoxy group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), or a halogen atom; R_1 is a C1-C5 alkyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s); R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are independently a hydrogen atom, a C1-C5 alkyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a halogen atom, a carboxyl group, a C1-C5 alkoxycarbonyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), a C1-C5 acyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), or a C1-C5 alkoxy group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s); m is 0, 1 or 2; and n is 1 or 2.

3. (Original) A flea control agent according to claim 1, wherein in general formula (I), X is N or C-Cl; Y is a C1-C3 alkyl group substituted by a halogen atom(s); R_1 is a C1-C3 alkyl group substituted by a halogen atom(s); R_2 , R_3 and R_4 are independently a hydrogen atom, a C1-C3 alkyl group optionally substituted by a halogen atom(s), or a halogen atom; m is 0, 1 or 2; and n is 1.

4. (Original) A flea control agent according to claim 1, wherein the compound of general formula (I) is 1-(3-chloro-5-

trifluoromethylpyridin-2-yl)-3-(dichlorofluoromethylthio)indole, 1-(2,6-dichloro-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3-(dichlorofluoromethylthio)indole or 1-(2,6-dichloro-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethylthio)indole.

5. (Original) A flea control agent according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the fleas to be controlled are fleas parasitic on companion animals.

6. (Currently amended) A shampoo or rinse for controlling fleas ~~characterized by~~ comprising a the flea control agent according to any one of claims 1 to ~~5~~ 4.

7. (Currently amended) A percutaneous preparation comprising liquid ~~Liquid~~ drops for controlling fleas, ~~characterized by~~ comprising a the flea control agent according to any one of claims 1 to ~~5~~ 4.

8. (New) A shampoo or rinse for controlling fleas comprising the flea control agent according to claim 5.

9. (New) A percutaneous preparation comprising liquid drops for controlling fleas, comprising the flea control agent according to claim 5.